

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. First, the applicant and his attorneys wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 2 to 8 and 15 to 20 and the indication that claims 9 to 14 contain allowable subject matter.

With respect to claim 1 which was rejected on grounds of anticipation, this claim has simply been cancelled from the application and it is submitted that with this amendment, all of the claims should now be allowed. A minor punctuation error has been corrected in claim 2 where a missing comma has been inserted.


With respect to the objection to existing claims 9 to 14 on the grounds that they were dependent upon a rejected base claim, this objection appears to have been made in error. It is noted that claims 9 to 14 depend either directly or indirectly on allowed claim 8 and therefore these claims should be allowable on the same reasons as claim 8. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 9 to 14 is respectfully requested.

Page 11 of the specification has simply been amended at this time in order to place the paragraph in better form for allowance of the application. It is noted that the subject matter recited in this paragraph is now included in independent claim 2 of the application. Clearly no new matter has been introduced by this amendment to paragraph 11.

Allowance of this application is now earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if doing so would advance prosecution of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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